MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) to (d) Track inspection is a continuing process and the system to identify defects includes inspection of every inch of track daily by a patrolman (keyman) and by inspectors and officers, as per laid down periodicity. This periodicity is continuously monitored in order to ensure that weak and vulnerable spots are attended to well in time.

Dissatisfaction in armed forces

1140. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a widening gap between officers and soldiers and disillusionment among the young officers;

(b) whether it is a fact that a study of some 35 units conducted at an army Training Command reveals that poor pay, travel, accommodations and inedible rations force the officers and soldiers to seek premature discharge; and

(c) whether Government propose to review the whole policy to ensure that the Indian army remains unique as before and there is no brain drain?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND DEPTT. OF DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) It is not correct to say that there is a widening gap between officers and soldiers and disillusionment among the young officers.

(b) and (c) Army Headquarters have asked Army Training Command to conduct a study for internal re-structuring of the Army within existing service conditions to enable maximum number of personnel to remain in service upto the maximum age limits, without impairing the combat effectiveness of the Army. The study report has not yet been given.

Indira Awas Yojana

1141. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make additional allocation of funds to every State for implementing Indira Awas Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the current financial year; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken during Eighth Plan to give shelter to all rural people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION) (SHRI VILASBABURAO MUTTEMWAR):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During current financial year under Indira Awaas Yojana, an allocation of Rs. 1000 crores has been made by the Central Government to various States/ UTs. The State-wise allocation for 1995-96 is given in the Statement (*see* below). The additional allocation of funds under I.A.Y. during current year will be considered on merit depending upon the proposals received from the State Governments and their performance.

(c) Under Indira Awaas Yojana, which is a continuing scheme, the Government has been providing houses to the target people living in rural areas. During Eighth Plan, from 1992-93 to 1994-95, 9,24,907 houses have been constructed. During 1995-96, a target of 10 lakh houses has been fixed. The Government proposes to take up more number of houses during the next year of the 8th Plan.